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What is claimed is:

- 2 1. A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system, comprising the steps of:
- executing an application program within the computer system with a graphical user interface comprising a plurality of elements, each of said elements being associated with a set of commands; and

changing the shape of at least one of said elements when two or more said elements are in close proximity.

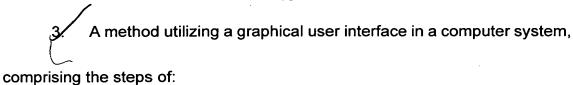
/2. A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

comprising a plurality of elements, each said element being associated with a set of commands; and

executing an application program with a graphical user interface

fusing the edge of two or more of said elements together when said two or more elements are in close proximity.

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executing an application program with a graphical user interface

4 comprising a plurality of elements, each said element being associated with a set

of commands; and

6 changing the graphical representation of one or more of the said elements
when two or more of said elements are in close proximity.